

Press Release

County of San Bernardino

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From: Dick Larsen, San Bernardino County Treasurer-Tax Collector

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County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dick Larsen and Bank of America Work Together to Serve High Desert Homeowners

San Bernardino, California, March 28, 2005 — San Bernardino County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dick Larsen announced today that he has made arrangements for taxpayers in the high desert to pay their second installment of secured property taxes at the local Bank of America branch located at 14723 7th Street in Victorville or the Bank of America branch located at 524 E. Main Street in Barstow. The high desert region will serve as a pilot site for this program with the hopes of expanding into other areas of the County during next year's tax cycle.

"Many senior citizens and other taxpayers drive to San Bernardino to pay their taxes," said Dick Larsen, Treasurer-Tax Collector. "I hope my office is able to provide better customer service by collecting taxes at their neighborhood banks."

The Second Installment of property taxes is always due by April 10th of each year, but because the 10th falls on a Sunday, state law extends this deadline to 5:00p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2005. Payment of taxes at the Bank of America branch in Victorville or Barstow can be made by check, using our Epay system out of their checking or savings account for free, or by way of credit card for a nominal fee. When using Epay, customers will have until midnight on April 11, 2005 to complete their transaction.

The County Treasurer-Tax Collector will have staff in both Bank of America branches beginning April 1, 2005 through April 11, 2005. The hours will be 9:00a.m. – 6:00p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information, Victorville residents can call 760-241-8829, and Barstow residents can call 760-256-8829.

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